

## ABSTRACT

A method and system for improving email traffic which can involve portable digital imaging devices is disclosed. In first and second aspects, the method and system allow a portable digital imaging device to receive an attachment associated with an email message.

5 A first type of attachment is allowed by the portable digital imaging device. The attachment is described a second type. In the first aspect, the method and system include determining whether the first type is the same as the second type prior to sending the attachment to the portable digital imaging device and providing the attachment to the portable digital imaging device only if the first type is the same as the second type. In the second aspect, the method and system include utilizing the portable digital imaging device to determine whether the first type is the same as the second type while receiving the email message, accepting the attachment if the first type is the same as the second type and terminating receipt of the attachment if the first type does not is the same as the second type. In a third aspect, the method allows an image that can be from a portable digital imaging device to be viewed by a recipient. In this aspect, the method and system include receiving the image and an identity of the recipient, storing the image in a location having an address and sending a message to the recipient using the identity of the recipient. The message includes the address and excludes the image.